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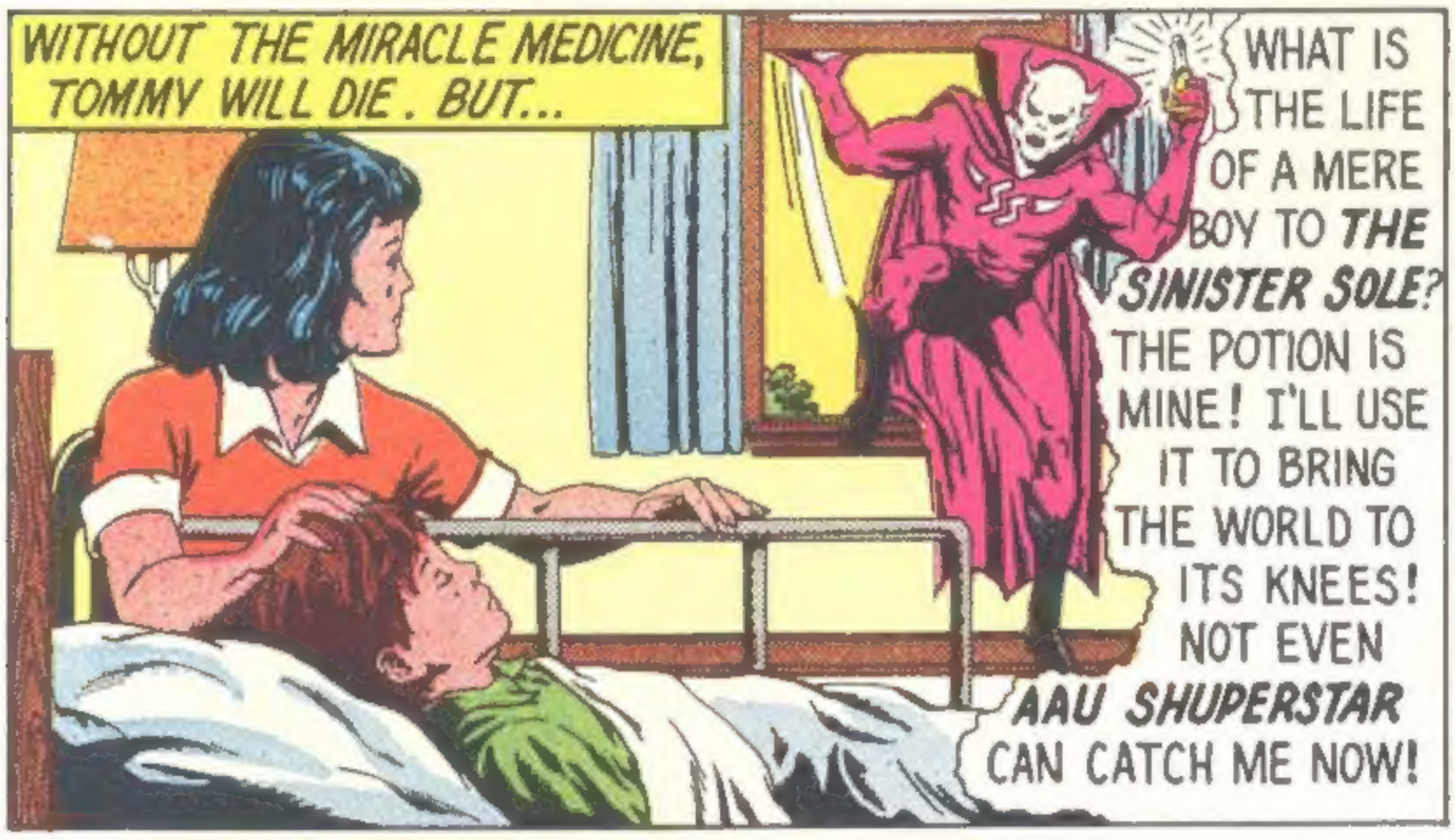

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ROCKETED AS A BABY FROM THE EXPLODING PLANET *KRYPTON*, *KAL-EL* GREW TO MANHOOD ON *EARTH*--WHOSE YELLOW SUN AND LIGHTER GRAVITY GAVE HIM FANTASTIC *SUPER-POWERS!* IN THE CITY OF *METROPOLIS*, HE POSES AS MILD-MANNERED TV NEWSMAN *CLARK KENT*--BUT BATTLES EVIL ALL OVER *EARTH*--AND *BEYOND*--AS...

SUPERMAN

Created by JERRY SIEGEL & JOE SHUSTER

SUPERMAN...! ME IS THE ONE WHO TRIED TO *IMPRISON* ME IN OUTER SPACE—

--AND FOR THAT, THE *KRYPTONIAN MUST PAY WITH HIS LIFE!*

AT 3:17 P.M. TODAY, GREENWICH TIME, ASTRONOMICAL *OBSERVATORIES* ACROSS THE EARTH SIGHTED A *VIOLENT EXPLOSION* IN THE *ASTEROID BELT* BETWEEN *MARS* AND *JUPITER!*

HOWEVER, THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF ANY *LINK* BETWEEN THE *BLAST* AND THE *TERRIBLE AFFLICTION* WHICH HAS *SWEPT THE WORLD*--CAUSING *THREE BILLION PEOPLE* TO KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO...

SLEEP NO MORE!

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THE BEAUTIFUL BUT HAGGARD-LOOKING REDHEAD IS LANA LANG, CO-ANCHOR-PERSON ON THE WGBS NIGHTLY NEWS...

IT HAS BEEN NEARLY FIVE DAYS NOW SINCE ANY PERSON ON EARTH HAS HAD THE SLIGHEST WINK OF SLEEP!

AT FIRST, THIS BIZARRE WORLD-WIDE CONDITION WAS REGARDED AS A BLESSING!

MANY BUSINESS OFFICES BECAME THREE TIMES MORE PRODUCTIVE, STAYING OPEN 24 HOURS!

OUR OWN DAILY PLANET STAFF, FOR EXAMPLE, BEGAN PUTTING OUT MORNING, AFTER-NOON, EVENING, AND MIDNIGHT EDITIONS!

SINCE NO ONE SLEPT, POLICE FORCES ALL OVER THE WORLD DROPPED THEIR ROTATING SHIFTS!

THUS, THREE TIMES AS MANY OFFICERS PATROLLED THE STREETS!

INSTEAD OF THREE MEALS A DAY, PEOPLE BEGAN EATING FIVE TIMES EVERY 24 HOURS--AS RESTAURANTS REMAINED BUSY AROUND THE CLOCK!

YES, FOR A WHILE IT SEEMED WE WERE ALL MUCH BETTER OFF, GAINING THOSE EXTRA 7 TO 10 HOURS A NIGHT WE USED TO RESERVE FOR SLEEP!

BUT AFTER 72 HOURS OF NON-STOP VITALITY, THE COMPLICATIONS SET IN—

--AS IT BECAME APPARENT THE INITIAL ENERGY-BOOST WE ALL FELT WAS ONLY TEMPORARY!

EVERYBODY BEGAN TO EXPERIENCE THE SAME FEELINGS OF BONE-WEARY FATIGUE FOR WHICH THERE WAS NO CURE...

IN SPITE OF OUR UNIVERSAL *EXHAUSTION*... *SLEEP* IS STILL A HOPELESSLY *"IMPOSSIBLE DREAM"!*

THE *HUMAN RACE* HAS BECOME A POPULATION OF *"WALKING ZOMBIES"* --UNABLE TO GRASP A *MOMENT OF REST* IT SO DESPERATELY *NEEDS!*

WGBS

FOR *FIVE DAYS* WE HAVE BEEN IN THE GRIP OF THIS *WAKING EPIDEMIC*--

--*FIVE DAYS* WITH *NO SIGN* OF *SUPERMAN*-- OR EVEN A SINGLE *JUSTICE LEAGUE* MEMBER!

JUST WHEN WE NEED THEM *MOST*--*WHERE* HAVE ALL OUR *SUPER-HEROES* GONE?

THE MIGHTY FIGURE OF *RED* AND *BLUE* IS *SUPERMAN*--WHO, ALONG WITH REPORTER *LOIS LANE* AND *PROF. IVO*, IS ZOOMING *EARTHWARD* FROM THE DEPTHS OF *SPACE*...

I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN, MISS LANE! NOW THAT HE HAS REGAINED HIS *SUPER-POWERS*, YOUR *CAPED FRIEND* NO LONGER *NEEDS* THE *MOBILE*--

I'M SURE GLAD *SUPERMAN* BUILT THIS *SUPERMOBILE*, PROFESSOR!

--BUT IT CERTAINLY PROVED TO BE HANDY FOR *US* WHEN WE NEEDED AN *ESCAPE VEHICLE* TO TAKE US AWAY FROM THE DEADLY CLUTCHES OF *AMAZO!**

*THE DETAILS OF THE *ACTION ACE'S* TEMPORARY *LOSS* OF *SUPER-POWERS*-- AND HIS INCREDIBLE EXPLOITS IN THE AMAZING *SUPERMOBILE*—WERE CHRONICLED IN ISSUES #480-482!

-- JULIE

WITH *ALL THE POWERS* OF *EVERY JUSTICE LEAGUE MEMBER* AT HIS DISPOSAL, *AMAZO* WILL *BREAK OUT* OF THE ASTEROID *SUPERMAN* TRAPPED HIM IN!

NO DOUBT ABOUT IT!

I HATE TO *ADMIT* IT, BUT OUR SKIRMISH WITH *AMAZO* IN SPACE WAS A TOTAL *FAILURE*--

--BECAUSE ALL WE'VE SUCCEEDED IN DOING IS *LURING* THAT MONSTROUS *ANDROID*--

--*BACK TO EARTH!*

THE FUTURISTIC SPACE-CRAFT IS THE **JUSTICE LEAGUE SATELLITE**--AND INSIDE, WE FIND SOME VERY **DISGRUNTLED** AND **AGITATED SUPER-HEROES**...

IT WAS BAD ENOUGH BEING **IMPRISONED** IN THIS **SWIRLING LIMBO** WHEN **AMAZO** AND **SUPERMAN** WERE FIGHTING IT OUT ABOVE **METROPOLIS**...

...BUT **THAT** WAS A **MINOR INCIDENT** COMPARED TO THIS **NEW CRISIS, FLASH!**

FOR **FIVE DAYS** WE'VE BEEN FORCED TO STAND **BY** HELPLESSLY WHILE THE PEOPLE OF EARTH HAVE BEEN **DETERIORATING** IN THE GRIP OF AN **ANTI-SLEEP** EPIDEMIC!

OUR **MONITORS** HAVE CUT THROUGH THE **DIMENSIONAL GAP**.. ENABLING US TO PICK UP VARIOUS **TELEVISION TRANSMISSIONS**...

...EACH BROADCAST **MORE DEPRESSING** THAN THE **LAST!**

NOBODY KNOWS MORE ABOUT **ENDURANCE** AND THE **PHYSICAL** AND **PSYCHOLOGICAL LIMITS** OF THE **HUMAN BODY** AND **MIND** THAN **YOU, BATMAN!** *

WHAT'S YOUR **PROGNOSIS**.?

* **BATMAN** UNDERWENT A SERIES OF EXPERIMENTS ON THIS SUBJECT FOR **NASA**, AS RECORDED IN **BATMAN** #156, JUNE 1963! --JULIE

CRITICAL!

UNDER NORMAL CONDITIONS, EVERYONE WOULD BE TOO **FATIGUED** BY NOW TO **WALK** OR EVEN **TALK** STRAIGHT-- YET THIS **STRANGE MALADY** KEEPS THEM ALL **GOING**--

--**AGAINST** THE VERY **FIBER** OF THEIR RAPIDLY-**WEAKENING** BODIES! THEIR **MINDS** COULD VERY WELL START **SNAPPING** AT ANY TIME!

PEOPLE WILL THEN START **DROPPING DEAD** FROM ACCELERATED **EXHAUSTION!**

FIRST IT WILL BE THE **ELDERLY** AND **INFIRM**-- BUT EVENTUALLY EVEN THE **YOUNG** AND **HEALTHY** WILL SUCCUMB!

IT COULD MEAN THE **DEATH** OF THE **HUMAN RACE**--

GREEN LANTERN --YOUR RING--!

THIS IS **LANA LANG**--SIGNING OFF TONIGHT'S EDITION OF THE WGBS 6 O'CLOCK REPORT--

--URGING **EVERYONE** OUT THERE NOT TO GIVE UP **HOPE** FOR A **CURE** TO THIS WORLD-WIDE **AGONY!**

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I WISH HE'D AT LEAST COME ACROSS ON THE *PHONE* AND LET US KNOW *WHERE* IN THE WORLD HE IS, JOSH!

CLARK SHOULD HAVE BEEN BACK FROM HIS SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT IN *DEATH VALLEY* BY NOW! I CAN'T HELP THINKING HE'S RUN INTO TROUBLE!

WELL, AT LEAST HE CAN'T *BE SLEEPING* ON THE JOB!

AND THEN THERE'S *LOIS!* SHE'S BEEN MYSTERIOUSLY *MISSING FOR FIVE DAYS,* AND NO ONE KNOWS--

JIMMY! WHAT--

FOLLOW ME, *LANA!* THERE'S A *BIG* HAPPENING ON THE *ROOF!*

AND ATOP THE *GALAXY BUILDING*...

SUPERMAN ASKED US TO PASS ON HIS *APOLOGIES* FOR NOT STICKING AROUND-- BUT HE'S ALREADY BUSY INVESTIGATING THE *ANTI-SLEEP EPIDEMIC!*

WE WATCHED LANA'S *NEWSCAST* ON THE *SUPER-MOBILE'S* TV MONITOR AS *SUPERMAN* BROUGHT US IN!

WE'D GONE THROUGH THE *TIME-BARRIER* FIVE DAYS AGO-- SO WE'VE ONLY LIVED A FEW *HOURS* SINCE THEN-- AND HAVEN'T EXPERIENCED THE EPIDEMIC!

AND JUST *WHO* MIGHT *YOU* BE?

MORGAN EDGE, MEET *PROFESSOR IVO* --THE MAN WHO *CREATED AMAZO!*

AMAZO--!?

WHY, THAT KING-SIZED *ANDROID* NEARLY SNUFFED *SUPERMAN* TWICE-- AND WILL PROBABLY *TRY AGAIN!*

EASE UP, STEVE! THE PROFESSOR WANTS TO SHUT *AMAZO* DOWN AS MUCH AS WE DO!

WE'RE ALL ON THE *SAME SIDE* HERE!

IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU SHOWED YOUR FACE, LOIS! AND SPEAKING OF YOUR FACE -- HOW COME YOU DON'T LOOK WASTED LIKE THE REST OF US?

THANKS TO A LITTLE TIME-TRIP THAT SKIPPED FIVE DAYS, LANA!

WHAT'S THE MATTER, IVO -- A HEADACHE?

NO--IT'S THE MINIATURIZED TELE-TRIODES IMPLANTED IN MY BRAIN--THEY TELL ME WHEN AMAZO IS APPROACHING EARTH!

UH-OH! SOMETHING TELLS ME THE NEWS IS NOT GOOD!

...WE REPEAT, BSR-101, YOU MUST ACKNOWLEDGE THE LANDING COORDINATES WE HAVE GIVEN YOU!

OVER!

COME IN, BSR! YOU'RE RAPIDLY LOSING ALTITUDE!

YOU MUST CONTACT THE CONTROL TOWER AT ONCE!

FORTUNATELY, THE PLUMMETING PLANE ISN'T ALONE IN THIS PARTICULAR PART OF THE SKY...

AND UNFORTUNATELY, THE MAN OF STEEL ISN'T ALONE, EITHER!

BRRAACK

OWWFF!

BLAST AMAZO!

THIS SNEAK ATTACK KNOCKS OUT MY RESCUE-ATTEMPT!

LIVES THAT I COULD'VE SAVED WILL BE LOST!

BUT EVEN AS THE PLUNGING PLANE SCREAMS TOWARD HELPLESS BYSTANDERS ON THE GROUND--

A GLEAMING GOLDEN LASSO LASHES THROUGH THE AIR...

GOOD HEAVENS! WHO IS THAT FLYING GIANT?

THAT'S AMAZO, LADY! HE'S A REAL TERROR-- JUST ASK SUPERMAN!

MAYBE SO--BUT WE OWE THAT ANDROID OUR LIVES!

HE'S LOOPED THE PLANE WITH A LASSO JUST LIKE WONDER WOMAN'S!

AND WHAT DOES THE ACTION ACE HAVE TO SAY ABOUT THIS GARGANTUAN FOE'S SURPRISING TEMPERAMENT?

FOR THERE IS A FAR MORE *IMMEDIATE* *CRISIS* DEMANDING HIS ATTENTION...

CAN I *BELIEVE* THIS --?!?

AMAZO SENT ME PLUMMETING *DOWNWARD* SO I'D SPOT THIS IMPENDING *EXPLOSION* IN TIME TO *STOP* IT!

INVULNERABLE *KRYPTONIAN BODY* MOVES SO *FAST*

I NEVER THOUGHT *AMAZO* AND I--

--WOULD BE *TEAMING UP*--

--TO TACKLE A *DOUBLE CRISIS!*

AND BEFORE THE FRIGHTENED DRIVER'S HEART CAN *SKIP* ANOTHER *BEAT*...

SUPERMAN, YOU'RE *SOMETHIN' ELSE!* A *SECOND* AGO, I WAS SITTING ON TOP OF AN *EXPLOSION!*

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I LANDED THAT PLUMMETING AIR-CRAFT SAFELY ON THE GROUND! THE PILOT WAS FOUND TO BE IN A STRANGE MESMERIZED CONDITION!

I KNOW--I OBSERVED THE RESCUE BY TELESCOPIC VISION!

I MUST SAY, AMAZO, YOU'RE FULL OF SURPRISES!

AN ANDROID IS NOT CAPABLE OF EMOTION--ONLY LOGIC! SINCE WE WERE BOTH ON THE SCENE, THERE WAS NO REASON FOR THOSE HUMANS TO PERISH!

SPARE ME ONE MINUTE, AMAZO--THAT'S ALL I ASK!

BUT YOUR LIFE-EXPECTANCY, KRYPTONIAN, S A DIFFERENT MATTER!

I'VE OBSERVED PEOPLE ALL OVER THE WORLD SUCCUMBING TO SIMILARLY BAFFLING WAKING COMAS!

I'M SURE IT S DUE TO THAT TREMENDOUS WAVE OF RED RADIATION THAT RECENTLY SWEPT OVER EARTH--

--THE SAME RADIATION THAT AWAKENED YOU FROM YOUR ELECTRONIC SLEEP!*

*AMAZO'S DRAMATIC RESURRECTION WAS SEEN IN ACTION #490! -JILLIE

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REMEMBER, KRYPTONIAN--I MAINTAIN IT WAS IVO WHO AWAKENED ME!

PROVE THIS RADIATION THEORY OF YOURS, OR I WILL CRUSH IVO AND YOU BOTH!

YOU'RE ABOUT TO GET YOUR PROOF, AMAZO!

MY MICROSCOPIC VISION HAS ALREADY DETECTED THE PRESENCE OF STRANGE MOLECULES IN THE ATMOSPHERE!

YOU AND I ARE GOING TO TRACE THEM TO THEIR SOURCE!

FIVE HOURS LATER--IN THE CORRIDORS OF GALAXY COMMUNICATIONS...

I--I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S COME OVER ME, LOIS!

AFTER *FIVE SLEEPLESS DAYS*, YOU'RE FINALLY FEELING THE EFFECTS OF *TOTAL FATIGUE!*

JUST BE GLAD YOU'RE *YOUNG* AND *HEALTHY*, LANA--

-- BECAUSE OLDER PEOPLE LIKE POOR *PERRY WHITE* HAVE STARTED SLIPPING INTO *COMAS* WITH THEIR EYES *WIDE OPEN!*

I ONLY HOPE *SUPERMAN* FINDS SOME *ANSWERS* BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE FOR *ALL* OF US!

CLARK!!

OHH, LORD! *HE LOOKS* EVEN WORSE THAN *I FEEL!*

SHORTLY, IN MORGAN EDGE'S OFFICE...

LET ME SEE IF I GOT YOUR *STORY* STRAIGHT, KENT! ALL YOUR ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT WENT ON THE *BLINK*?

YES..I SUSPECT SOME CONNECTION WITH THE MYSTERIOUS *RED RADIATION!*

THEN PERHAPS YOU CAN EXPLAIN WHY *OUR* EQUIPMENT WASN'T AFFECTED?

POSSIBLY THE *ELEVATION!* REMEMBER *DEATH VALLEY* IS THE *LOWEST* POINT ON THE CONTINENT-- AND THE *HOTTEST*, WHICH MAY ALSO HAVE HAD SOME INFLUENCE!

AND HOW ABOUT THE *TESTS* YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO UNDERGO AT *S.T.A.R. LABS?*

THIS *FIVE-DAY SLEEPLESSNESS* CHANGED EVERYTHING! IT INTRODUCED *UNUSUAL CONDITIONS* WHICH MADE MY WHOLE ORDEAL *USELESS!*

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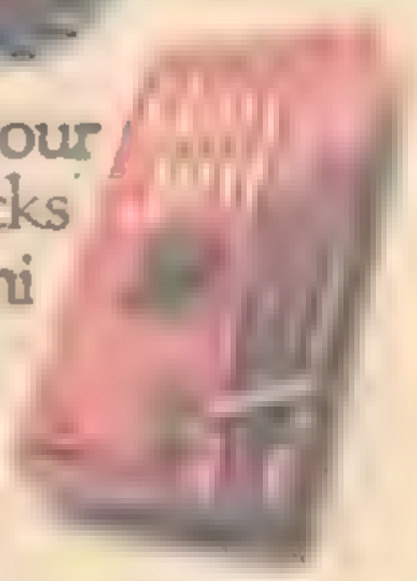

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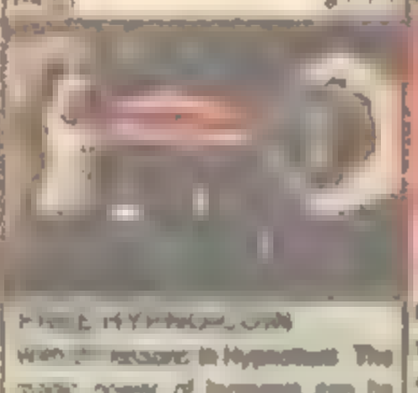

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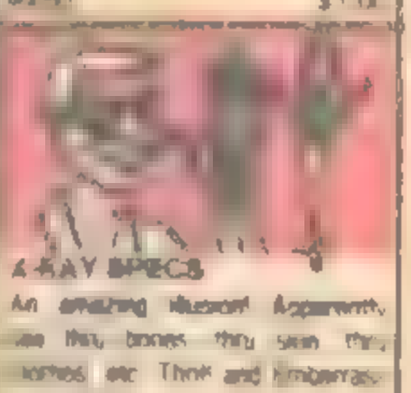

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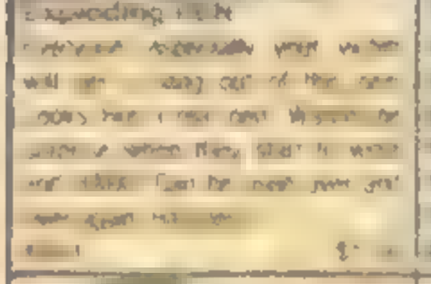

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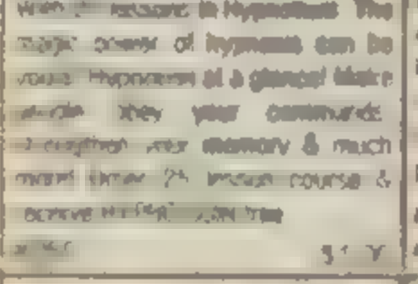

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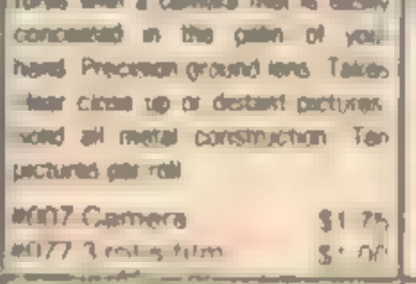

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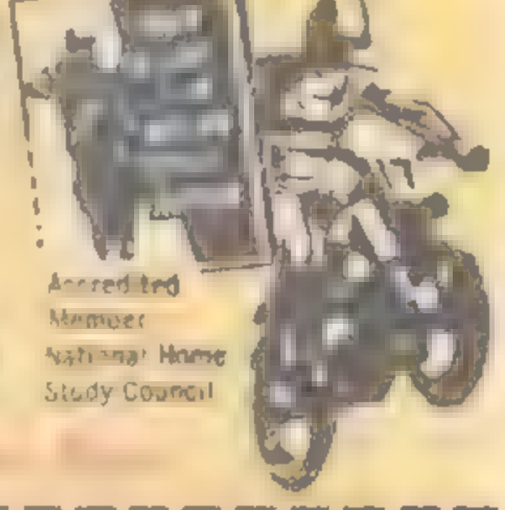

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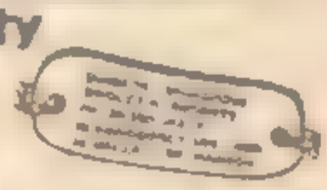

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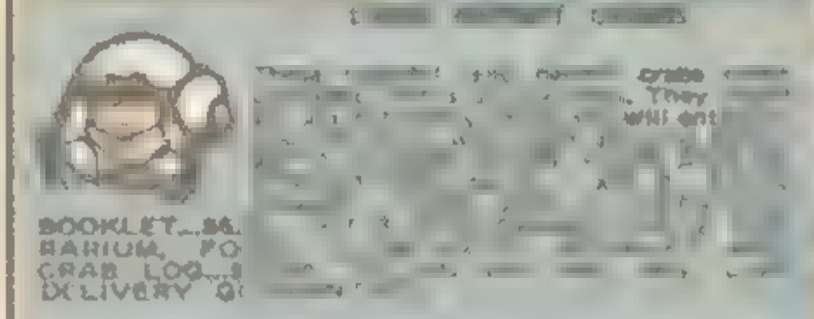

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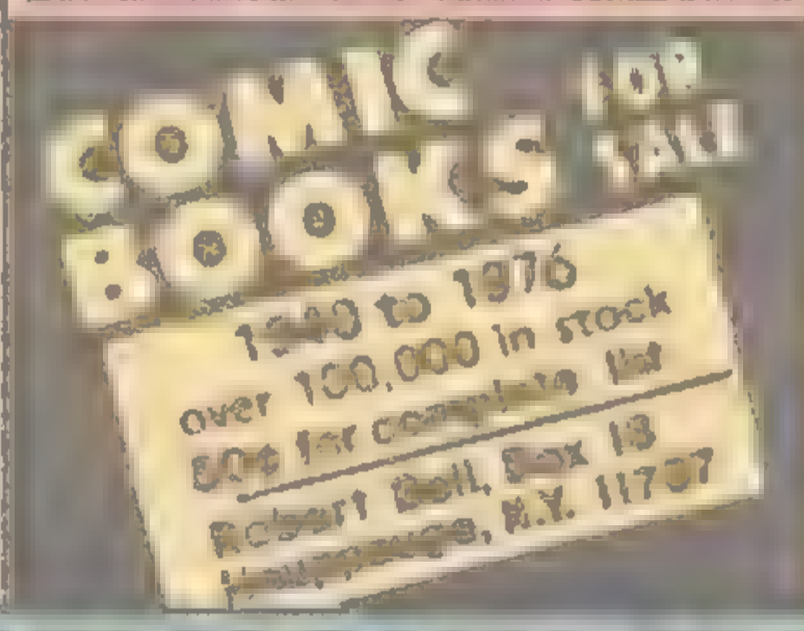

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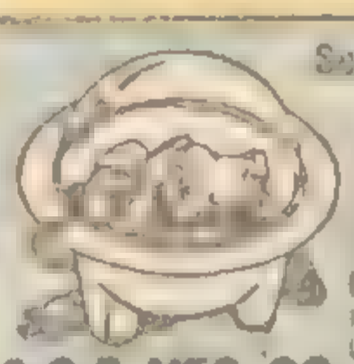

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BUT YOU WERE TRAPPED IN THE SATELLITE WITH YOUR COMRADES! BY NOW, YOUR RING MUST HAVE RUN OUT OF POWER! THIS DEFIES ALL LOGIC!

WHATEVER MEANS YOU USED TO POWER-RING ATTACK ME SHALL STOP--

--AS I CRUSH THE LIFE OUT OF YOU!

HOLD TIGHT, GL-- AND I'LL PULL YOU OUT OF DANGER!

WONDER WOMAN-- AND HER MAGIC LASSO??

YES...FOLLOWED BY HAWKMAN AND ONE OF HIS MIGHTY ANCIENT WEAPONS!

:UHHH!:

HO! IT SEEMS THE ANDROID'S INVULNERABILITY IS WANING AS RAPIDLY AS ALL HIS OTHER POWERS!

BUT JUST TO MAKE SURE, WONDER WOMAN--

--LET'S DOUBLE HIS PROBLEMS!

KRAKOOM

BUT THE PLUMMETING GIANT DOES NOT CRASH INTO THE GROUND--THANKS TO THE INTERVENTION OF A SCARLET CYCLONE...

FLASH! I AM SAVED!

YOUR SUPER-SPEED UPDRAFT WILL HALT MY FALL WITH A CUSHION OF AIR--!

ON THE OTHER HAND, BIG BOY, A SUPER-SPEED DOWNDRAFT--

--WILL ACCELERATE YOUR FALL AND MAKE THE IMPACT TEN TIMES WORSE!

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SUPERMAN... I DO NOT UNDERSTAND! I THOUGHT... WE HAD BECOME ...ALLIES!

IT LOOKS LIKE YOUR LOGIC-CIRCUITS ARE RUNNING DOWN JUST LIKE EVERY-THING ELSE, AMAZO--

--BECAUSE ALLIES ARE SOMETHING YOU AND I ARE DEFINITELY NOT!

AND THAT GOES FOR ALL OF US!

YOU'VE BROUGHT THE JUSTICE LEAGUE--AND EVERYONE ELSE ON EARTH-- NOTHING BUT TROUBLE!

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KRASSHHH!!

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--SINCE IT WAS HIS IDEA FOR ALL OF US TO COMBINE OUR WILL POWERS--

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I WOULDN'T HAVE THOUGHT OF IT, BATMAN, IF YOU HADN'T NOTICED MY RING WAS STILL GLOWING, THOUGH ITS 24-HOUR CHARGE SHOULD HAVE BEEN LONG EXHAUSTED!

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SUPERMAN--MAYBE NOW YOU CAN TELL US WHAT THIS SUPER-HOSTILITY ATTACK WAS ALL ABOUT--

--ESPECIALLY SINCE AMAZO WAS WILLING TO HELP YOU!

WHEN YOU CONTACTED ME TO LET ME KNOW YOU WERE ALIVE AND WELL--

--I KNEW TOGETHER WE COULD ATTACK AMAZO AND FORCE HIM TO EXHAUST THE REMAINING SUPER-POWER RESERVES IN HIS BODY!

AND TO HASTEN THE DRAIN EVEN MORE--

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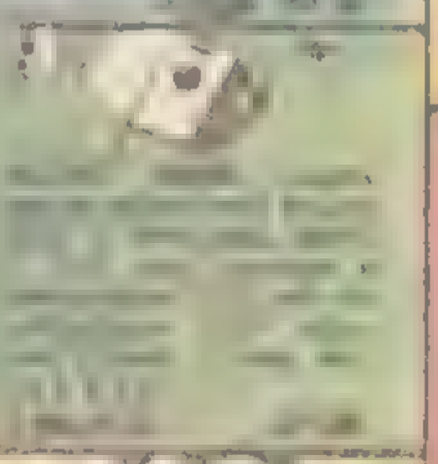

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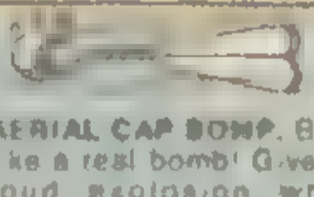

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Dear Nelson;

Hey-hey-hey! Here I go with yet another letter to my favorite comic people (that didn't come out right). Do I have some things to say this month!

First off, there is Gerry Conway's unique ability to tie together the past and the present in his stories without being lead-footed about it. His style of getting a plot moving is a definite plus on the record of **ACTION.** The submicroscopic world is an intriguing gimmick. The chemistry lesson given in "The Giant from the Golden Atom" added the needed touch of reality. What really pleased me was Clark's take-charge attitude in the daily news allotment meeting. I think it's great! By the way, my mother read #479 before she sent it on to me here at the University. She thought it was every bit as good as the ones she read back in the fifties. She had only one question: "When did Clark become a TV man?" I must admit I don't know when our meek man of Metropolis started working at WGBS-TV. Give us a hint, will you?

One other point concerning the Conway script—Steve Lombard and his trophy. What a laugh! A perfect ending to an exceptional tale.

The art was top-notch, as usual, which is a credit to Swan and Chiaramonte. I won't list everyone whose name appeared in the credits, because I realize there are many people who will always be unknown to me, but do many tasks for this magazine anyway. To all the fantastic people at DC, You're just like OU—#1!

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Well, Andy, as I'm writing this the day after watching the OU Sooners trounce Colorado, I'm inclined to agree—no matter how the Longhorn fans might disagree. And tell your mom Clark was transferred to TV in the Feb., 1971 *SUPERMAN*, which was on sale in late '70.—E.N.B.

Dear Editor:

ACTION COMICS #479 had only one fault . . . it should have happened in **#482!** After **#478,** Earth was nearly wiped out, and World's Greatest Super-Hero or no, there is no way that much destruction could be reversed so fast. The whole world should still be pulling itself out of chaos. Things like sports should not be happening, so Steve Lombard's trophy should not have been in the story. It was good, but it just shouldn't have happened so soon. **Superman** should have been primarily concerned with restoring Earth; while he was in Paris restoring the Eiffel Tower, he could have fought off an attack by Luthor. Next time you nearly destroy the world, give it some time to recover.

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Dear Editor:

"The Giant from the Golden Atom" doesn't look too promising at first glance. Actually, the story is very good and contains several things I'd like to see again.

The first was on page 6. Clark is in command of the situation. This is the guy who's had years of experience in the newspaper business and more as a TV reporter. His fellow workers know he's in charge, too. Yet underneath there's still just enough of the Clark Kent, Super-Klutz we know and love.

Ditto for the run-over from last issue's story. A flow is achieved that more realistically duplicates the pattern of a person's life.

Steve Lombard is far from my favorite character, so Gerry's "new" approach to him appeals to me. As hard as he tried to make Clark feel like an idiot, Steve always ended up with his foot in his mouth. The video tape avalanche was good, but the melted trophy was the best accidental prank I've seen yet.

Finally, a word about Curt Swan. He has a flair for drawing comics that are somehow timeless. His earlier stories can easily be compared with the newer and little difference in terms of layout and composition can be found. Yet that art is just as applicable today as it was 20 years ago. May he have another 20 years drawing the Man of Steel.

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And may you have another 50 years or more reading it!
—E. Nelson Bridwell

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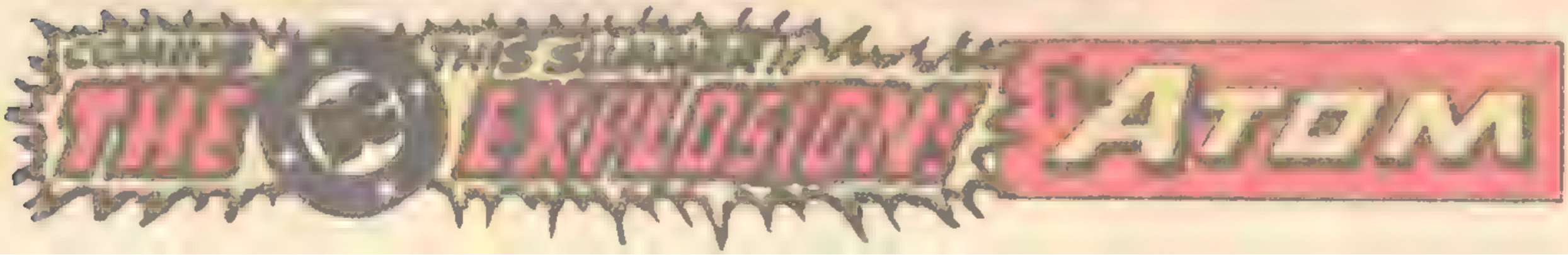

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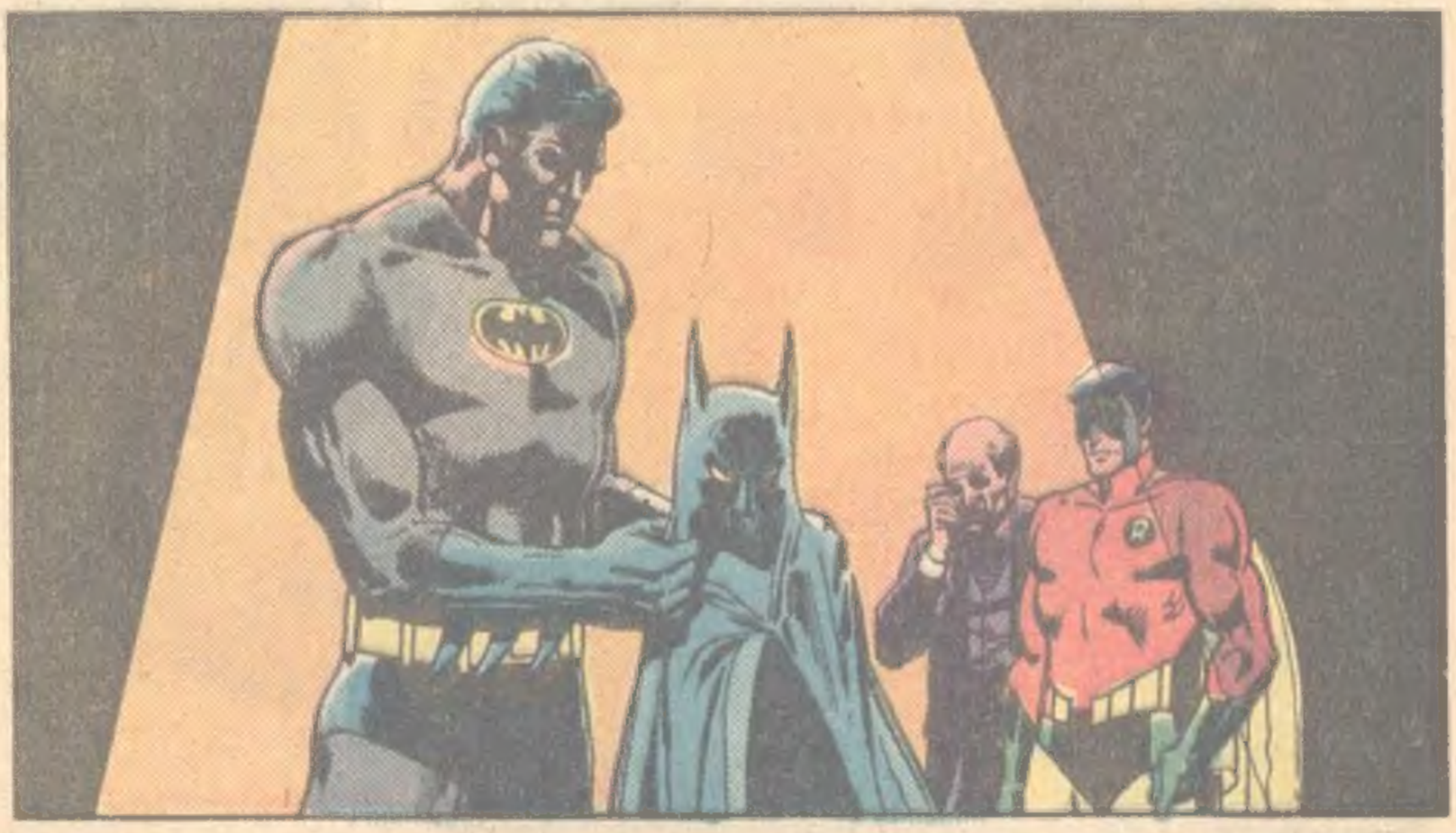

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Q: Could you tell me when the first super-hero was invented?—Christopher Wagner. *A:* If you are talking about comic book heroes, it was none other than *Superman,* back in 1938.

Q: When are you going to team *Man-Bat* up with *Jonah Hex?*—Greg Brian.

A: Editor Al Milgrom says, "In *WEIRD WESTERN TALES #214!*"

Q: Is *Kid Flash* related to Barry *(Flash)* Allen?—Chris Hendley.

A: Walley *(Kid Flash)* West is the nephew of Barry's wife, Iris!

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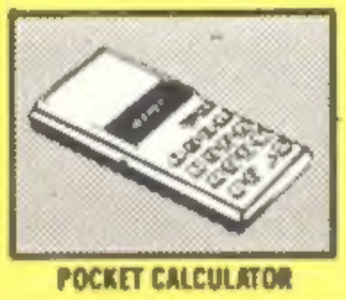

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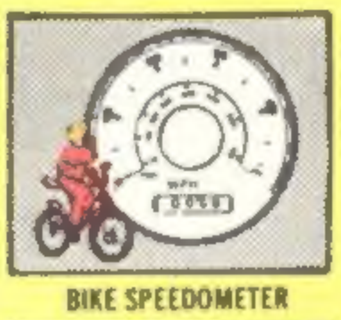

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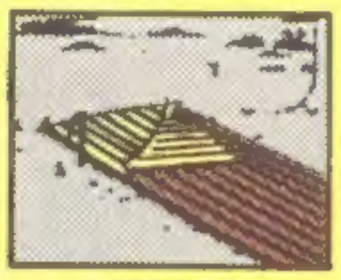

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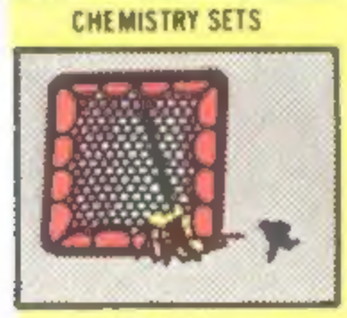

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